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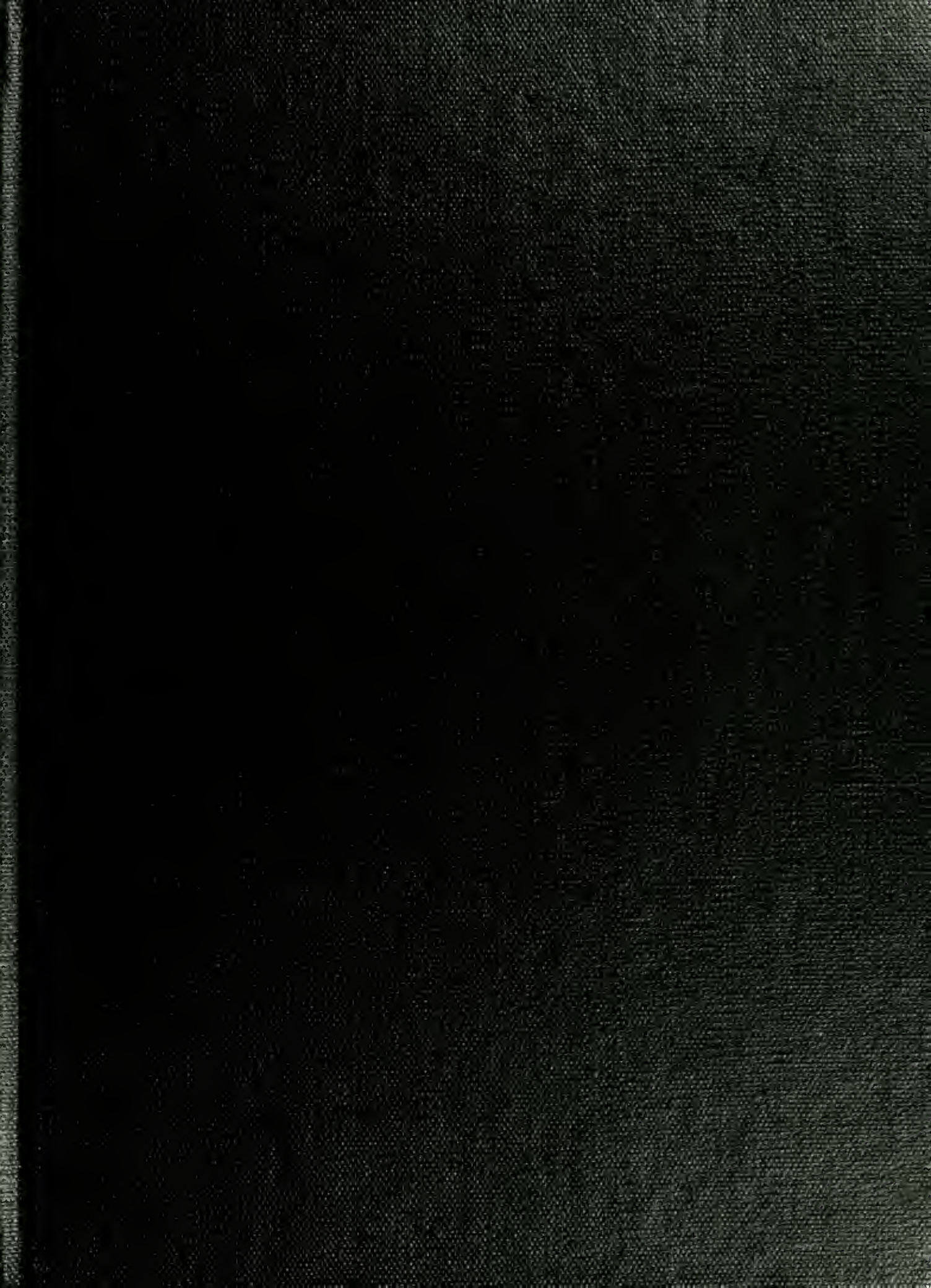
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## Five Graduates Are Ordained

Five SMC Alumni were ordained to the Gospel ministry at the Georgia-Cumberland and Florida campmeetings. They are Roy Caughron, John M. Robbins, Ernest A. Stevens, Lorenzo Dudley Nichols and John Lewis Marshall.

Roy Caughron, '65, after graduating from SMC was associate pastor of the Beverly Road-Duluth district. Early in 1966 he was pastor of the newly-formed Duluth-Athens district and following his ordination he became pastor of the Macon church. He is married to Marilyn Richards and they have one daughter, Deborah Denise, age 3.

John M. Robbins, '63, spent a year at Andrews University doing graduate work. In September of '64, John and his wife, Mary, went to the Thomaston-Griffin District where they have served to the present time. They have three children, Linda, 10, Sandra, 9, and John Jr., 5.

Ernest Stevens, 63, and his wife, Helen, are both from the state of Maine. They have three children, Bonnie Jean, 16, Larry, 14, and Randall, 6. Ernest studied at Andrews the year following his graduation from SMC. He has been pastor of the Cedar-town-Rome District ever since.

L. Dudley Nichols, '63, is pastor of the Cocoa-Titusville District. After attending Andrews University for one year he went to the Florida Conference as a ministerial intern and has worked in Tampa and Jacksonville besides his present district.

John L. Marshall, '61, is a native of Florida, having been born in West Palm Beach. After graduate work at Andrews he went back to Florida as an intern. Jack has worked in Miami, Tampa, Sanford, DeLand, and the Dade City-Zephyrhills district which he is presently serving as pastor.

## Alumni Gifts Now Total \$13,707

The alumni will be glad to know that they have either given or pledged \$13,707 to the library fund.

Since Talge Hall is now down, and the land is being cleared, it will not be long before construction will start on the new library. A total of almost \$100,000 cash from all sources has now been given to the library fund, and it is anticipated that the College will reach its individual goal of \$75,000 sometime during the current academic year.

Those of the alumni who have given to the fund since the last listing are as follows:

- T. M. Ashlock, '50
- Wm. T. Buchanan, D.D.S.
- Hugo Christiansen, '55
- Vann Cockrell, '66
- William Coolidge, '64
- James Culpepper, '62
- Troy Daniel, '62
- Homer, '57 and Arlene Dever, '55
- George T. Evans, '67
- Warren Hammond, '51
- Hazel Hauck, '68
- Inelda Hefferlin, '58
- R. H. Hooper, '51
- Clymera Anderson Lorren, '58
- Ann Marina, '68
- Daryl Meyers, '66
- Benny Mixon, '66
- Phil Neal, '65
- Betty Park, '51
- Sandra Swain Peterson, '61
- John Pifer, O.D., '55
- Clifford Port, '68
- Lester Smith, '51
- Virginia S. Smith
- Ernest Steiner, '67
- Ernest Stevens, '63
- Joel Tompkins, '55
- William W. Tucker, '68
- Alice Wareham, '45
- Larry W. Williams, '65
- Walter Wright, '54

### JAMES LAMAR COOPER

Those who knew James Lamar Cooper, '23 will be sorry to learn of his death, April 29, in Harrisville, Mississippi. We regret that we do not have an obituary for him at this time.

### ELDER W. B. HIGGINS

Elder W. B. Higgins was born May 14, 1899 in Brentwood, N. H. and passed to his rest May 19, 1968 at a Chattanooga hospital. He graduated from EMC and received an M.A. degree from Maryland University.

He entered the service of his Master in 1923 as dean of men and teacher at Union Springs Academy. After two years in this capacity, he was married to Ruth Garber.

The next four years they served at AUC where Brother Higgins was dean of men and teacher, and was ordained to the Gospel ministry.

In 1929 they responded to a call to Africa where he was principal of Solusi Missionary College until 1946.

Returning to the States he was again connected with AUC through 1951. Collegedale came into the life of the Higgins family when they moved here and he became a part of the Educational Department as well as principal of the academy from 1952-58. The next six years were spent at Union College as personnel manager.

When it came time to retire, the Higgins returned to Collegedale where they have since made their home. Elder Higgins served as church elder and assistant church treasurer until the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Eric Jones of Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Doreen Danielson of Winter Park, Fla., and three brothers.

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(Signed) J. Mabel Wood, Editor

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### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

- Lynn Sauls, '56 ..... President
- Floyd Greenleaf, '55 ..... Vice President
- Ruth Higgins, '53 ..... Secretary
- Inelda Hefferlin, '58 ..... Assistant Secretary
- Wallace Blair, '53 ..... Treasurer
- Carolyn Luce, '60 ..... Publicity Secretary

### My Commitment to Help SMC Keep Pace

	\$500	\$100	\$50	\$25	\$10	\$5	—
1968	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



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NUMBER 7

## Alumni Hear Col. Keplinger

### Smoot Speaks at Friday Vespers

Lt. Col. John Keplinger, '43, the speaker for both Sabbath worship services during the Alumni Homecoming, called for a re-evaluation of our feelings about our government. Realizing that governments are ordained of God and the rulers are allowed to rule by the providence of God, he said we should not compromise our denominational standards about our non-combatant status, but at the same time we should render every service we can to our country with a loyal, willing nature.

Col. Keplinger's talks at the church services were two of the activities that dominated the campus on the weekend of October 11-13.

The assembled student body and alumni heard Dr. J. Grady Smoot, dean of the graduate school, Andrews University, give the talk at Friday evening vespers.

Other activities included a special afternoon program at which members of the classes of '43 and '58, the two honor classes, were interviewed and the assembled alumni and friends heard the College Choir and the Collegiate Chorale under the direction of Mr. Don Runyan. The relaxed, in-

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New officers elected for the association are from left to right, Glenn McColpin, '57, vice president, Sylvia Crook, '68, publicity secretary, Helen Sauls, '63, assistant secretary, Doris Crandell, '65, secretary, Ellsworth McKee, '54, treasurer, Wallace Blair, '53, president.

## McMillan Cited By Army

Robert C. McMillan, '53, is shown with Col. Edwin T. O'Donnell, Commanding Officer of the Army Mobility Equipment Research Development Center, Fort Belvoir, Va., after being awarded a certificate and \$100 for "Special Act and Service." He was cited for having authored a paper, "Bond Character and Metastability of Phosphoric Molecular Groups of Military Significance," which was se-

lected by the Army for presentation at the 1968 Army Science Conference held at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., last June.

Bob has been associated with the R&D Center since 1956 and is presently employed in the Materials Research Support Division. The Center is responsible for research, development and engineering for round-the-clock mobility in some twenty fields of military engineering ranging from materials research to the development of water purification equipment and mine detection devices. Bob lives with his family in Alexandria, Va.

### Five Alumni Men Hold Principal Posts

Five of the Academy principals in our Southern Union Conference are SMC graduates. They are William A. Sowers, '31, Georgia-Cumberland Academy; John T. Durichek, '58, Highland Academy; Don R. Keele, '60, Madison Academy; John E. Mayhew, '66, Bass Memorial Academy and Howard Kennedy, '57, Greater Miami Academy.



Jan Rushing of New England Hospital and Col. Keplinger look over Alumni program at SMC.



Col. Edwin T. O'Donnell congratulates Robert McMillan for winning an army award for a research paper.

## Those Who Walked These Halls

1923

C. A. and Cora Fox Woolsey, both of '23, visitors on campus from their home in Fletcher, N.C., had this comment on their family, "We have five children, 1 girl and four boys, but our grandchildren reversed this trend, there are 8 girls and 1 boy. Two of their children are Raymond H., '51, and Ada Ruth Elder, '53.

1928

Nellie Ferree is part time elementary supervisor for the Florida Conference since her retirement and return from mission service.

1932

Ward B. Shaw, Sr., is one of the new teachers at Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

1937

Ivan T. Crowder is the new pastor of the Philadelphia First and Montgomery Avenue Churches in Pennsylvania. He has recently returned from Trinidad.

1938

Doris Baessler Payne is associate chairman of the four-year nursing program at SMC. She came here from Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital where she was director of nurses. Her husband, Lawrence, is bookkeeper in SMC accounting department.

Woodrow McKendre Wilson is a piano tuner for Burger Music Co. in Cleveland, Tenn., and also works on his own. He and his wife, the former Naomi Dalrymple, have four children: David and Darlene attend Arthur Spalding School; Kenneth is a freshman at SMC; and Carolyn is married.

1942

Carl J. Smith is taking several college hours of classwork at SMC for teacher certification, and also working for Buildings and Grounds. Susie teaches in Cohutta, Ga. Their daughter, Sidonia, is a senior in Collegedale Academy, and son, Carl Elwin, is a senior at SMC.

1950

Marlene Avery Rilea is a housewife while husband, Wilbur is a senior elementary education major at SMC.

Carol L. Prather received a M.Ed. degree from the University of Georgia in August. He is visiting teacher in Dade county Georgia and lives on Sand Mountain.

1953

Robert Northrop has been in Victoria, Brazil, for the last 3½ years.

He is treasurer of the Espirito Santo Conference. Bob has been traveling quite a bit recently, auditing and helping with regional meetings. They have one paved highway in their territory and are working on another one. The rest of the roads are holes, ruts and trails. They travel by train, bus, jeep, atop a truck, and on foot. To quote Bob, "But lack of means is one of the greatest trials and not the roads. Have you ever thought of running a conference of 10,000 members on \$110,000 a year? I remember in the Carolina Conference, with 4,500 members, the budget was \$720,000 a year back in 1964. We need a new electric mimeograph machine, new typewriters, things that seem small yet loom large to us. The work presses forward in spite of difficulties. Please remember us in your prayers."

LaVerne and Bob have four children from 4 to 13 years old. Bob says they all speak Portuguese like natives. During their furlough Bob would like to get a master's degree in business, maybe a C.P.A. and also pick up a pilot's license.

1955

Hugo W. Christiansen and his family are in Wiesbaden, Germany. Hugo is director of the Library of Congress Field Office in Germany, which is an Order Procurement and Preliminary Cataloguing Center, shipping about 3,000 publications a month air mail to the Library of Congress on the Title 2C Law.

Lenwood D. Stockton, engineer, is also commander of Cleveland, Tenn., Composite Squadron of the Civilian Air Patrol—USAF Auxiliary, and has the rank of captain. He lives in Collegedale.

1958

Clifton A. Keller, Jr., is teaching math at Andrews University.

T. W. Staples sends greetings to all from the Congo Union where he is union secretary-treasurer. His class was one of the two honor classes at Homecoming this year.

1960

Richard C. Larsen recently paid a visit to his sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and Larry McClure, both of '57. Dick, his wife and two daughters were on their way to Trinidad where he will be on the staff of the Port-of-Spain Community Hospital. Dick has just

completed a three-year residency in internal medicine at Loma Linda University Hospital.

1961

Donald E. Hall spent 9 weeks at the University of Maryland attending a summer program of Research Participation for College Teachers sponsored by the National Science Foundation, working on problems of cosmic rays and plasma astrophysics. Don came through Collegedale on his way back to Walla Walla College.

Sue Johnson Kinzer is the new head of the secretarial department at CUC.

James D. Vye is a captain in the US Army stationed in Vietnam. His wife, the former Faye Rolling is living in Montgomery, Ala., while he is overseas.

1964

Barbara L. Hoar is Bible Instructor for Faith for Today and lives in Mineola, N.Y.

1965

Robert B. Murphy and wife, Anne, '64, live in Stone Mountain, Ga. Bob is executive assistant of Preston Publications in Atlanta. They have one child, Robert Boyce, born Feb., 1968.

Desmond D., Jr., '65, and Mary Lou Parker Cummings, '65, have moved to Riverside, Calif., where Des is associate MV secretary of the Southeastern California Conference. He was formerly pastor of the Ridgetop, Tenn., district.

Robert F. Pumphrey is Bible teacher at Madison Academy. His wife, the former Linda Mundy, '65, is dormitory dean of the SMC nursing students on the Madison campus, replacing Mary Lou Cummings. The Pumphreys have one daughter, Melanie.

1966

Marilyn Crooker has finished up her work on her master's degree at the University of Tennessee. Her project consisted of studying the infra-red spectra of methane, pentane, propane . . . . .ane.

Jerry Bartram, business manager of Highland Academy, recently passed his exams and is now a C.P.A.

Ronald Lambeth, out of the army now, is a wildlife biologist for the government. He lives in Takoma Park.

Elva Dreos is working on a master's in public health education at Loma Linda University.

Marshall, '66, and Betty Hernoud Mitchell, '62, live in Birmingham, Ala., where Marshall is in his fourth year teaching in Brakeworth Junior Academy. Betty writes, "July 7, 1967, our

lives were gladdened by the appearance of Celia Diane. She was born 5 years and 1 week after our marriage! We are all learning together day by day! I have been reading *Child Guidance* in the hope that I will be a better mother."

**1967**

Charlotte McKee Taylor is back in Collegedale after spending last year in San Antonio with husband, Don, while he completed his army service. Don is studying at SMC and Charlotte is secretary in the college relations office.

**1968**

New members of the faculty at Bass Memorial Academy this year include Stephen Patrick, Philip Sue and Rodney Carlson, all of the class of '68.

**WEDDINGS**

Marlene M. Weigle, '66, and Victor C. Davis, June 9, in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Marlene is a medical secretary in Takoma Park and Victor is a dental student at the University of Maryland.

Brenda Lewis and Paul Carlton Boynton, Jr., '66, Sept. 8, in Fletcher, N.C. Paul is a junior at LLU School of Medicine.

**BIRTHS**

Jonathan Daniel, born April 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Channell, '62, in Banner Elk, N.C. Bob is teaching children of migrant farm workers in Alamo, Texas.

Richard Stuart, born April 9, to Lester and Rebecca Stanley Hodges, '66, in Dalton, Ga.

Wesley Alan, born Aug. 12, to Linwood, '67, and Frances Hartwell Robertson, '65, in Henderson, Ky. Lin is pastor of the Owensboro District. Before that he was associate pastor of the Madison Campus and Hermitage Churches. Frances was instructor for the associate of science degree nurses at SMC.

Kimberly Kay, born Sept. 11, to Gary Neal, '60, and Barbara Schmidt Fowler, '62, in Orlando, Fla.

Lisa Marie and Lori Ann, born Sept. 18, to Herbert, '66, and Sylvia Fowler Marchant, '63, in Melbourne, Fla.

Gregory Stephen, born Oct. 8, to Thomas M., '66, and Patricia Eastwood Myers, '65, in San Antonio, Texas.

William Edward, born Oct. 12, to William E., M.D., '64, and Gloria McComb Tyndall, '64, in Greenwich, Conn.

# Many Alumni Attend Recent Homecoming, Bring Guests

**1908**  
Grady Brooke Summerour

**1920**  
J. Mabel Wood

**1923**  
C. A. Woolsey  
Cora Fox Woolsey  
Masie White Jameson

**1925**  
J. Franklin Ashlock

**1928**  
Nellie Ferree  
O. D. McKee

**1929**  
Elton B. King

**1931**  
Cloie Lorren Massengill  
W. A. Sowers

**1933**  
Eileen Mulford Drouault

**1938**  
Doris Baessler Payne  
Sue Bruce Waller  
Woodrow M. Wilson

**1939**  
Louis C. Waller

**1940**  
Alma C. Chambers

**1942**  
Ferrell McMahan Mathieu  
Milton G. Norrell, Jr.  
Virginia Hubbell Patrick  
Thyra Bowen Sloan  
Carl J. Smith  
George M. Tolhurst, Jr.

**1943**  
June Thorpe Blue  
John E. Keplinger  
Ethel Cochran Tolhurst

**1944**  
Chalmer Chastain

**1946**  
Marcella Klock Ashlock  
Juanita Mathieu Norrell

**1947**  
Grace Schneider Turner

**1948**  
K. M. Mathews  
Robert G. Swofford

**1949**  
Dewitt Bowen  
Andrew F. Chastain  
Bobra Crosby  
Warren Oakes  
Don West, Sr.

**1950**  
R. C. Mizelle  
Marlene Avery Rilea

**1951**  
Wilbur D. Brass  
Mary Elam  
Warren G. Hammond  
Craig S. Parrish  
Charles S. Pierce  
Drew M. Turlington

**1952**  
W. M. Abbott, Jr.  
Peter W. Donesky  
Ruth Higgins  
Aubrey H. Liles, Jr.

**1953**  
W. Buddy Blair  
J. Don Crook  
Ada Ruth Woolsey Elder

Harry Hulsey  
Lilah Lilley  
Alfred B. Mitchell  
Wayne Rimmer  
Bruce L. Ringer  
Roy Battle  
Richard Sloan

**1954**  
Lola Genton  
Wilfred S. Henderson  
J. W. Henson  
Lois Marie Wood McColpin  
Betty Brisson McKee  
Viola Turnage Mitchell  
Pauline Pierson  
Juanita Sparks  
Elmyra Conger Stover  
Barbara Sammons Stubbs  
Alvin B. Tripp  
Elden R. Wilson

**1955**  
Emma Burdette  
Ryan Burdette  
Floyd Greenleaf  
Joseph G. Smoot  
Lenwood Stockton

**1956**  
Lynn Sauls  
Elizabeth Maurice Urick

**1957**  
Darlyne Ballard Jarrett  
Francis Killen  
Joyce Larsen McClure  
L. R. McClure  
Glenn T. McColpin  
Ava Sunderland Peek  
Jessie Pendergrass  
Delphyne Ballard Reece

**1958**  
Mary Sue Estes Burke  
M. Eugene Burke  
Carolyn Hoofard Cooper  
Helen Case Durichek  
John T. Durichek  
Ronald A. Haupt  
Inelda Phillips Hefferlin  
David L. Jarrett  
Ruth Nuckols  
Robert G. Pierson  
Joann Ausherman Rozell  
Jan O. Rushing

**1959**  
Norman E. Peek

**1960**  
Judson Filler  
Don R. Keele  
Carolyn V. Luce  
Winford N. Tate  
Joe V. Travis, Jr.  
Marvin Weedman  
Jerry Vanerwegen

**1961**  
John E. Baker  
Ann Clark  
Clifton L. Davis  
Roy K. Frith  
Ann Richman Gearhart  
W. J. Henson  
Dan W. Rozell

**1962**  
Joanne Anderson  
Ralph Hendershot  
Barbara Holland  
W. Benny Moore  
Gordon Pendergrass  
Helen Sauls

**1963**

Dolores Hieb DeLong  
Robert B. Dickinson  
Dolly Darbo Fillman  
Joel W. Gearhart  
Joann Miller  
Glenda Shoemaker Walker

**1964**

Berniece Gearhart  
Barbara Hoar  
Pat Tigret  
Alice Genton Whitt

**1965**

Doris Crandell  
John D. Goodbrad  
Sarah Jane King Groger  
Cheryl Randolph Kingsfield  
Dianne Tennant

**1966**

Christine Bartram  
Jerry E. Bartram  
Willard J. Clapp  
Marchie Edgmon  
Pat McCollum Elliott  
Buddy Fisher  
Carol Futcher  
Jeanette Hayes  
Steve Hayes  
Irma E. Hyde  
Gladys Lawless  
Ronald Lambeth  
J. C. Linebaugh  
Richard Center  
Marshall G. Mitchell  
Gwen Young Platt  
Kenneth E. Spears  
Joe Strook  
William L. Wood  
Anne Jensen Swayze

**1967**

Linda Anderson  
Wayne Barto  
Caroline Christensen  
Glenn Clark  
James Greene  
Roger Hall  
Pat Horwath  
Juanita Sossong Lesko  
Charles Lindsey  
Donald L. Platt  
Charlotte McKee Taylor  
Judy Vance  
Janet McKee Wood

**1968**

Murdal Baker  
Norman Bernal  
James Brenneman  
Carol Chatterton  
Glenda Tripp Clark  
Sylvia M. Crook  
Pat Horning  
Bunny Waggoner Hunter  
G. Allen Keiser  
Charles E. Kuhlman  
Bernard LaLone  
Beth Lynn Landers  
Donna M. Mills  
Stephen Patrick  
George Powell  
Maurine Sykes Powell  
Lynne Alison Riley  
Sharon Roscoe  
Ted A. Schoonard  
Bonnie Jean Schwerin  
Ron Shoemaker  
Theodore Teeters  
Donald L. West, Jr.



## SMC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### Treasurer's Report

#### Summary of Donations by Classes From Jan. 1, 1968 to Oct. 28, 1968

Class Year	Number in Class	Number of Contributors	Cash Received	Amount Pledged
1920	2	1	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
1921	5	1	10.00	10.00
1922	3	—	—	—
1923	7	1	—	100.00
1924	15	1	50.00	50.00
1925	16	2	150.00	350.00
1926	13	—	—	—
1927	11	—	—	—
1928	10	1	500.00	500.00
1929	14	—	—	—
1930	16	—	—	—
1931	19	1	100.00	300.00
1932	11	—	—	—
1933	5	—	—	—
1934	6	2	42.00	362.00
1935	8	1	500.00	500.00
1936	24	2	230.00	230.00
1937	21	3	15.00	15.00
1938	32	2	100.50	175.00
1939	14	1	—	360.00
1940	13	1	—	100.00
1941	12	—	—	—
1942	27	5	675.00	955.00
1943	21	—	—	—
1944	22	1	125.00	125.00
1945	17	1	25.00	25.00
1946	17	—	—	—
1947	29	1	—	30.00
1948	33	1	—	300.00
1949	47	5	680.00	880.00
1950	65	2	205.00	305.00
1951	73	12	592.00	1,085.00
1952	70	2	45.00	100.00
1953	94	9	387.50	1,154.00
1954	56	9	675.75	1,227.00
1955	63	9	327.00	1,932.00
1956	48	1	2.00	302.00
1957	56	5	124.00	124.00
1958	60	3	199.00	199.00
1959	43	1	—	300.00
1960	71	2	85.00	305.00
1961	78	5	250.00	320.00
1962	70	2	10.00	10.00
1963	107	3	79.50	120.00
1964	99	6	105.00	445.00
1965	117	11	171.75	1,315.00
1966	145	17	291.50	1,163.00
1967	165	7	42.00	667.00
1968	175	9	35.00	251.00
Non-Alumni	—	7	105.00	160.00
Totals	2,145	156	\$6,999.50	\$17,001.00

#### ALUMNI GENERAL FUND

Receipts for year 1967-68 .....	\$ 209.50
Expenses: Homecoming, food, travel, printing .....	1,076.94
Deficit (paid by College) .....	\$ 867.44

#### WORTHY STUDENT FUND

Beginning balance 6/30/67 .....	\$1,131.47
Receipts for year 1967-68 .....	993.31
	\$2,124.78
Less loan to student .....	100.00
Ending balance 6/30/68 .....	\$2,024.78

#### SIGN FUND

Receipts for year .....	\$ 314.50
Balance (paid for sign in full) .....	—0—

## KEPLINGER SPEAKS

(Continued from page 1)

formal attitude of the Sabbath afternoon meeting and the reflections on what graduates have done since their graduation gave a reaffirmation to the feeling that the alumni have for SMC.

Lynn Sauls, retiring president, conducted the business meeting that followed the alumni supper in the tabernacle. Willard Clapp, '66, president of the Collegedale Chapter, was host for the meeting, and he and his officers, along with faculty members provided the food for the alumni guests. Wallace Blair, '53, president-elect, thanked the outgoing officers for the service they gave.

The fellowship of this buffet supper was appreciated because graduates had an opportunity to see and visit with friends they had not seen for many years. It seems likely that this type of gathering for the supper and the business meeting will set a precedent that the alumni will long enjoy.

Business at the meeting included the ratification of the new constitution.

Retiring president, Lynn Sauls, installed the new officers with Wallace Blair, '53, as president. Other officers include Glenn McColpin, '57, vice president, Doris Crandell, '65, secretary; Helen Sauls, '63, assistant secretary; Ellsworth McKee, '54, treasurer; Sylvia Crook, '68, publicity secretary.

After the buffet supper, the alumni visited the new Women's Residence Hall, named Thatcher Hall after the Thatcher family from whom much of the College property was purchased. Old timers will remember the "Yellow House" down by the railroad, which was the Thatcher plantation home. The alumni visited the lobbies and worship room of Thatcher Hall, and saw many of the rooms.

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## SMC Names Buildings



Jason Thatcher, Mrs. Kenneth A. Wright and Former President Kenneth A. Wright listen to Elder Walter Wright deliver Pres. Wright's response to Mr. Charles Fleming's tribute.

An assemblage of SMC's 1000 plus students in addition to faculty, the Board of Trustees, Committee of 100, and special out-of-town guests gathered Feb. 6 in the College gymnasium for a special Plaque Presentation Ceremony. This was the occasion for the official naming of three buildings in tribute to individuals especially associated with the College through its early years and during its transitional period from junior college to senior status.

The new \$1,350,000 women's residence hall was named for James and Grace Thatcher whose estate became the basic college campus and their home became the original women's residence hall.

Grace Thatcher, now widowed and 94 years old, is ill and was not able to attend the ceremony. Her son Jason, also of Chattanooga, in responding to the tribute for her, said, "It is indeed an honor for the entire Thatcher family for the Board of Trustees to see fit to name this building Thatcher Hall."

The plaque for Talge Hall, (the men's new million-dollar residence)

reads, "Named for John H. Talge whose generosity spurred the early growth of the College." President Schneider, in paying tribute to this man, told how Mr. Talge, owner of the Talge Mahogany Company in Indianapolis, was known for his generous gifts during the early days of the College. He donated all the furniture, flooring and bathroom fixtures for the first constructed women's dormitory and all the furnishings for the first men's residence hall. He also supplied \$1,300 for laundry equipment, helped purchase a piece of land, and supplied part of the kitchen equipment, plus other donations. His interest in the growth and development of the school greatly helped in its future success.

The plaque to be mounted on SMC's new administration building reads: "Named for Kenneth A. Wright whose presidency of the College from 1943 to 1955 was marked by a dedication to Christian education; by the achievement of faculty and academic excellence; and by attainment of senior status with full accreditation for the college."

Many of the major buildings on the

upper level of the campus were built during Elder Wright's term at SMC. Through an expansion of a remarkable work-study plan under his leadership, SMC lifted itself from rather modest circumstances to a multi-million dollar institution that could serve as a valuable example to scores of private colleges struggling to survive.

When Elder Wright became president of Southern Junior College (as it was known then) there were only 120 college students, three frame buildings on the hill, and one Ph.D. For twelve years Elder Wright labored for this school. During this time it became a senior college and secured accreditation on the first request.

Present for the occasion were three of the Wright's children: Mrs. June Frame, '44, of San Juan, Puerto Rico—where her husband is a corporation attorney; Elder Walter Wright, '54, of Loma Linda, Calif., Bible teacher at Loma Linda Academy; Kenneth Wright of Glendale, Calif., now a law student. Unable to be present was Elder Burton Wright, '51, missionary at Malamulo, Malawi, Africa.



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